

## RAILROAD CONDUCTOR'S DUTIES.

### Many Duties Besides Responsibility for the Safe Conduct of His Train.

As a conductor he will probably begin in the freight service. His raboose will be a traveling office and more than that, it will carry all the gossip of the division up and down the line. It may be a homely little car, but it is just as sure to be a homelike place. From its elevated outlook he may command a good view of the train away ahead to the engine, and he will be supposed to know all the while that the brakemen are attending to their duties; that the train is in good order, particularly that there are no hot-boxes smoking away and in imminent danger of setting fire to the train and its valuable contents. There is a deal of bookkeeping to be accomplished in that traveling office.

The conductor will receive the way-bills of the cars of his train and their contents, and he is held responsible for their safe deliveries to their destination or the junction points where they are to be delivered to other lines.

When he comes to the passenger service there will be still more bookkeeping to confront him, and he will have to be a man of good mental attainments to handle all the many, many varieties of local and through tickets, mileage books, passes and other forms of transportation contracts that come to him, to detect the good from the bad, to throw out the counterfeiters that are constantly being offered to him. He will have to carry quite a money account for cash affairs, and he knows that mistakes will have to be paid for out of his own pocket.

All that is only a phase of his business. He is responsible for the care and safe conduct of his train, equally responsible in the last respect with the engineer. He also receives and signs for the train orders, and he is required to keep in mind every detail of the train's progress over the line. He will have his own assortment of questions to answer at every stage of the journey, and he will be expected to maintain the discipline of the railroad upon its trains. That may mean in the one instance the ejection of a passenger who refuses to pay his fare—and still he must not involve the road in any big damage suit—or in another, the subjugation of some gang of drunken loafers. The real wonder of it is that so many conductors come as near as they do to the Chesterfieldian standards.

### Frisco Officials Expect Heavy Yield Over Entire Line

The crop reports received at the Frisco are generally satisfactory. On the central division in Arkansas the corn and hay crops are good. A fine crop of cotton is expected. This is due to the heavy acreage in the state. The peach crop is damaged in this district by rain.

In Oklahoma on the southeastern division the corn crop is good. Hay is fine except in some places where it is damaged by drouth. The melon crop is also reported to be in good condition. The cotton crop will be good. A large amount is being raised.

The crop report of the eastern division says all grains, vegetables and fruits are in good condition. The apple crop looks good. About 150 cars are expected by September 15. The peach crop will be light in this section.

The Kansas crops are doing well. Corn never looked better. Wheat is fair and will be ready to cut in a couple of weeks. A heavy hay crop is expected. Oats will hold their own.

Reports from Thayer expect 700 cars of peaches, and 700 of corn.—Springfield Republican.

## KINGS PRAIRIE.

We are having fine growing weather for a while just now. Corn is doing well but is very small to be nearing harvest.

There was a large attendance at Bethel last Sunday. Sunday School and a sermon by the pastor in the forenoon and children's exercises in the afternoon. The church was beautifully decorated and the music good. The children acquitted themselves very creditably.

We see Billy Brine's neighborhood has been visited by chicken thieves. Guess they will learn to sympathize with our corner. Joe says he would shoot them if he got a chance, but he is afraid of his gun. It makes a noise at one end and kicks at the other.

The strawberry picking is about closed. Most all have done a good business.

The canning factory at Monett will be quite a help to the surrounding country. Especially if they will use other material besides tomatoes.

If wheat keeps up something near the present price it will be all right, but look out for a slump.

There is some talk of a Sunday School Convention in this township in the near future.

C. C. Carter is out in the country a part of the time taking orders for machinery.

The Children's Day at Bethel last Sunday made a cut in the attendance at New Liberty Sunday School.

John Tate expects to move into his new house this week. It will be quite an improvement over the old one that burned down.

Everybody is so busy finishing picking berries and plowing that items are at a premium.

The earth from time to time has been passing through the different ages. We have had the iron and the stone age, etc., but now we are living in the electric age. Electricity and the printing press are two factors that are moving the world today. Electricity has invaded almost every department both business and private. It has gone out in the country to plow, thresh, grind, wash and churn, but what I wanted to call your attention to, since the continued high price of chickens and eggs, it has gone into the poultry business. We understand they installed it in the poultry house and at midnight they turn the lights on and it makes it so light the hens think it is next day and go to laying, thereby getting two eggs in twenty-four hours. Instead of one. That suits Joe for if there is anything he likes better it is more eggs three times a day, price or no price.

Joe.

### Annual Horticultural Report.

The annual report of the State Board of Horticulture is now ready for distribution and may be had free of charge by addressing W. L. Howard, secretary, Columbia, Mo. The book is well illustrated, has 400 pages and contains a vast amount of valuable matter for the live fruit grower. Among the many special articles are, Hardy Peaches, Large or Small Orchards, Missouri's timber supply, How to grow and care for grapes, Growing tomatoes for canning purposes, The Strawberry as Grown Commercially in the West, Hot Beds and Cold Frames, Insect Problems, How to Can Fruits and vegetables on the farm, Fundamental Principles of Pruning, Instructions for spraying, Why we prune, New Varieties of Strawberries, Some of the Most Desirable Shrubs. Every farmer and fruit grower should have a copy.

Frank Clark, of Western Oklahoma, and sister, Mrs. Mattie Elton, of Purdy, visited friends in Monett Tuesday on their way to Joplin. Mr. Clark was a resident of Monett over thirty years ago and enjoyed renewing old acquaintances.

## Home-Made Cookies

Home-made cookies, um yum! Can't you smell 'em now? Can't you see your mother, happy sweat upon her brow, A-bendin' o'er the bake-board, and rollin' 'em out thin, Then openin' up the oven and a shovin' of 'em in?

Home-made cookies, um yum! Such a lot of shapes There were made out of cookies—rabbits, dogs and apes, And birdies, big and little, 'most alive enough to sing, And maybe elephants and cats and just 'bout everything.

Home-made cookies, um yum! Crisp and nice and brown, Our hearts would sing with raptures as we gulped the cookies down We'd go out to the grapevine, and there we'd sit and swing, With pockets full of cookies, far happier than a king.

Home-made cookies, um yum! Can't you taste 'em yet? Don't they make you homesick till you find your eyes are wet? And stealin' down into our hearts, and knockin' 'till they ache, Is the memory of cookies, like mother used to bake.

—DORA M. HEPNER.

### Ozark Fruit Growers Association Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the above association was held in Monett Tuesday, the stockholders meeting in the forenoon and the board of directors in the afternoon. The proceedings were highly interesting. The attendance was not large as most of the berry growers were at work picking and loading.

President Lincoln presided with his usual courtesy and ability. All the directors were present excepting Mr. Hill and Mr. Johnson who were absent on duty.

Manager P. A. Rodgers made a statement of the situation and general business. Never before have berries been of better quality or carried better, never so few complaints from buyers. Prices are good, though the output is large; nearly every car has been sold on track.

An interesting discussion was had on packing, especially on the importance of full boxes and the crates should be deep enough for full measure without pressing the fruit.

At the meeting of directors the vacancy on the board was filled by the election of J. H. Johnson, of Monett.

The meeting then adjourned to July 6, when they will again meet to make arrangements for the handling of the peach crop.

### Soldier's Home Board Members Named

Jefferson City, Mo., June 7.—Governor Hadley today appointed John R. Ferguson, of Springfield, and W. E. Henry, of Kansas City, members of the Board of Managers of the Federal Home for Soldiers, at St. James. Both are present members of this board. Each is to hold for a term of four years, from February 9, 1909.

### Linen Shower.

A linen shower was given Tuesday afternoon for Miss Kate Miller at the home of Mrs. Chas. Mansfield on Euclid Avenue. The hostesses were Mrs. Jas. Mansfield, Mrs. Roy Beaty and Mrs. Chas. Mansfield. About forty guests were present and half a dozen baskets full of towels and handkerchiefs were presented to the bride to be.

The entertainment for the afternoon was Whist, Miss Leslie Hoeliger winning the prize.

The berry market was rather dull Tuesday but the movement was light and most of the output was sold.

The market ranged from \$1.75 to \$2.00. Everything points to decreasing movement and a final wind-up soon. Home grown berries are infringing on our markets very materially. The total shipment was nineteen cars.

W. W. Eddington, a barber of Springfield, shot and seriously wounded Robt. Sellers, in the Herr dry goods store Monday night. He discovered his wife and Sellers conversing and went away, returning with a gun. He says his victim had wrecked his home.

E. A. Wrightman returned home Tuesday night from Kansas City.

Mrs. Pat Dewine went to Aurora Tuesday.

Mrs. C. S. Sanders is ill this week.

Mrs. W. H. Smith is ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Frank Reed will visit at Springfield tomorrow.

Chas. Bower, of Joplin, visited Sunday and Monday with Miss Maude Kane.

Osman Garris and daughter Irene went to Pittsburg, Kan., Wednesday to visit relatives.

Maurice Clinton has returned to Pratt, Kan., to work in a laundry. Mrs. Clinton is packing her goods and will go to Pratt after a visit at Aurora and Morrisville.

Mrs. John Pilant went to Richmond, Kan., Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Steve Falls.

Mrs. W. W. Cushing and children, of Marionville, are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Duckett.

Mrs. Laura Parker, of Portland Ore., who had been visiting her friend, Mrs. J. T. Duckett, went to Marionville, Wednesday afternoon.

Fred Frear has just purchased a fine set of Orchestra bells for use in Orchestra work.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mansfield who had been visiting in Lincoln and Hurla, Neb., returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Hilliard, of Sapulpa, Okla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Braymen.

Mrs. Sarah Wright, of Joplin, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bob Leake this week.

Mrs. Earl Witt, of Oklahoma City, is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. M. Cowan.

W. H. Mills has returned from Republic where he went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mills' mother.

Misses Kate and Addie Frost, of Seligman, visited Miss Beulah Powers Wednesday.

Miss Mahoney will depart to night for her home in Indiana, after several weeks visit with her brothers, Ed Mahoney.

John Sheets of Exeter, died Tuesday morning, aged 69 years. Mr. Sheets and family moved to this county from Iowa a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Leckie left Thursday morning for a visit with friends at Kansas City and St. Joseph.

James Turpin of Ash Grove, visited relatives in Monett Wednesday evening. He was on his way to Oklahoma.

The closing session Wednesday afternoon of the Association of Congregational Churches, which has been in session here, was enlivened by a vigorous debate over the wording of the temperance resolution afterwards adopted by the association. Opinion was divided as to the manner of the resolution expressing the association's opinion of the Missouri state senate, which killed the state-wide prohibition bill. Agreement was reached in expressing the hope that Missouri would not be subservient to the liquor interests and that would permit the people to vote on the question of prohibition.—Springfield Republican.

## SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED

### Monett Given an Opportunity to Forge to the Front

At the meeting of the City Council Tuesday a special election was called for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of putting in a municipal electric light plant in the city of Monett, said election to be held on Tuesday, June 22. See notice of election elsewhere in this issue. Next Tuesday night the council will meet to select judges and clerks of election.

This is one of the most important undertakings in the history of the town and will mean a lighted city in every corner of the same.

### Shriners' Conclave is On

Louisville, Ky., June 7.—Many thousand persons arrived today for the thirty-fifth annual session of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. An excursion up the Ohio river, drills by boys and girls of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home in this city and other entertainments filled out the day and night. New Orleans and Toledo seem alone in the field for the 1910 convention, while Rochester, with an invitation for 1911, has antedated all competitors.

Ancient Temple from Kansas City, one of the strongest temples in Missouri, came in at 11 o'clock this morning on a handsomely appointed special train of five coaches. Their patrol of forty, all spick and span and eager for the competitive drill fights, is one of the best looking on the oasis. The patrol is in command of Capt. J. T. Chandler.

### The Titanic and the Olympic Will Be the Largest Steamships in the World

Although what will be the largest two steamships in the world, the Titanic and the Olympic, of the White Star Line, are mere skeletons just now in their big million-dollar double gantry at Belfast, Ireland, the marine architects know exactly how they are going to look when they start on their maiden passage to this port.

The great height of the new liners and the broad sweep of the bridge are indicative of their sixty thousand tons displacement. The builders have almost eliminated the old custom of carrying masts and in this respect the largest ships in the world resemble the Old Dominion steamers, the smallest passenger-carrying vessels in the American coastwise service. All the Old Dominion liners have only one mast, that being the foremast. It is so with the Olympic and Titanic.

These two vessels are being built simultaneously side by side in a steel gantry that was begun a year before the keels were laid, and which cost over a million dollars. The new liners will each be 860 feet long, with a 92-foot beam. The unusual beam is equivalent to the length of some of the fast steam yachts of this port. The Olympic and Titanic will be ready for the New York, Southampton and Cherbourg service of the White Star Line in 1911. The builders are Harland & Wolff—New York Tribune.

### The Largest Searchlight

The largest searchlight in the world will be placed on the top of the cupola of the Metropolitan Life Building when it is finished and it will be used for flashing election returns and similar reports on important occasions. The top of this cupola is 989 1/2 feet above the ground. Directly beneath it will be a balcony, to which a favored few may obtain entrance for enjoyment of the view afforded. The general public probably will be obliged to gaze from a lower balcony, which is 632 feet above the ground.

Provision has been made for the setting off of fireworks and the holding of electrical displays upon occasions.

## Cassville News.

From The Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beaty of Monett have been spending a few days with Mrs. Beaty's brother, J. B. Jefferson, and mother, Mrs. I. M. Jefferson, north of town.

The mother of Harry Birks, who is serving a term in the penitentiary for killing Marion Thomas at Monett a few years ago, was here Monday circulating a petition requesting the governor to pardon her son.

C. H. McClure has been elected superintendent of the Lamar schools at a salary of \$1,200. W. N. Laidlaw has been re-elected superintendent of the Higginsville schools.

Judge Shumate and Ike Robberson of Golden were here Thursday. They reported M. H. Roberts selling goods at Golden in a large tent, Henson Bros. building almost completed and will soon be ready for business, Dr. Quinn making preparations to rebuild and others whose property was destroyed putting up temporary homes.

On May 21st a picture of Basil, Elmer and Lennie Henson and their dog was picked up about two miles of Good Hope, Douglas county. The boys are sons of W. H. Henson of Golden and the picture was blown away in the tornado which struck Golden April 29. The picture was carried across three counties. The person who found the photo wrote to Golden to find out it had not come from there.

### May Raise Licenses Throughout State

St. Louis, Mo., June 9.—Dram shop licenses in St. Louis were increased \$100 today and a similar increase throughout the state may follow, as Governor Hadley has made a request on all county courts to raise the state license from \$200 to \$300. The increase is an emergency measure to raise revenue.

### Saved Her Life.

A young lady over at Sarcosie went boat riding alone on Center Creek last Sunday and came near losing her life. By some mischance her fashionable hat became tilted to far to starboard and upset the canoe, throwing the lady into the millpond. With great presence of mind she immediately climbed upon the hat and the gentle breeze wafted her to the shore.

### Died At Exeter.

Miss Bertha Bashe, daughter of W. A. Bashe, of Exeter, and a sister of Mrs. Dick Mock, of Fayetteville, formerly of Monett, died at her home in Exeter, Thursday at 1 o'clock a. m., at the age of 18 years. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon. Mrs. Harry Kirk went down Thursday morning. Several Monett friends expect to attend the funeral service.

### Odd Fellows Initiate

The Odd Fellows initiated and conferred the first degree upon four candidates on Wednesday evening. The Cassville lodge was invited to do the work and twenty-five of the members came. They have an excellent team and the work was very well done. The candidates were Roy Hall, Warren Beaty, Ross Drake and Ward Hall.

Members of other surrounding lodges were present and about seventy-five witnessed the work.

A lunch was served at 12 o'clock and the Odd Fellows remained at the hall until a late hour.

### Women Who Are Envid

These attractive women who are lovely in face, form and temper are the envy of many, who might be like them. A weak, sickly woman, will be nervous and irritable. Constipation or kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. For all such, Electric Bitters work wonders. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood, give smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion. Many charming women owe their health and beauty to them. 50c at A. H. Cox & Co's.